

**DURGAN TRAVEL**  
**TUSCANY, CINQUE TERRE & THE ITALIAN RIVIERA ITINERARY**  
**SEPTEMBER 20 - 29, 2018**

**Day 1:** Thursday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Depart evening flight ( 10:10 PM ), from Logan International Airport for your overnight flight to Florence, Italy (via Rome) to arrive at 3:10 PM on Sept 21st.

**Day 2:** Friday, Sept 21st ~ Arrive Montecatini

Benvenuti in Italia! Upon arrival in Italy, we will be met by our Tour Host waiting to assist you in boarding our private motor-coach upon your arrival . Transfer to our first-class hotel in Montecatini, Nizza et Suisse. We will enjoy leisure time at the hotel prior to a welcome drink and dinner at our hotel this evening. (Dinner)

**Your accommodations from 9/21 to 9/25:**

**Hotel Nizza & Suisse**

**Via Le Giuseppe Verdi, 72**

**51016 Montecatini Terme PT, Italy**

**+39 057 27691**

**[www.grandhotelnizza.it](http://www.grandhotelnizza.it)**

**Amenities included: Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, a/c, outdoor pool**

**Tourist / City Tax per person per day approx. 1.40 Euros payable directly to hotel**

**Day 3:** Saturday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>~ Florence

Following breakfast at our hotel, we will depart by private motor coach with an English-speaking escort for Florence. Florence has some of the greatest museums in the world, including the Academia (home to Michelangelo's David) and the Uffizi Gallery. Check out the famed Ponte Vecchio Bridge, or the Medici Palace. Included today on our tour is entrance with headphones to the Academia Museum. Afternoon is at leisure to explore. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 4:** Sunday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Lucca & Pisa

After breakfast, we are off to Pisa. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a tour including entrance to the Cathedral and Baptistry. We will see the Square of Miracles with the famous Leaning Tower and view Pisa's Duomo and Campo Santo Monument. We then move on to Lucca, home of the great composer Giacomo Puccini, and one of the wealthiest towns in Tuscany. We'll enjoy a nice tour and then have some leisure time in this graceful city. While being an enjoyable, tourist-friendly city, Lucca is remarkably relaxing and quiet, due to an unusually high number of residents who ride bicycles instead of driving cars. A Vintner's lunch is planned for today. Later this afternoon we will return to our hotel with time to freshen-up and relax prior to dinner. Overnight. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Day 5 :** Monday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Venice

After breakfast, depart our hotel for Venice. We will board a vaporetto to San Marco Square where a local guide will be waiting to show us around this unique city, "the Queen of the Adriatic". Visit San Marco's Basilica, walk over small bridges to the Bridge of the Sighs and past winding waterway to the Rialto. The remainder of the afternoon is free for shopping, visiting the outlying islands or taking a gondola ride. We will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 6: Tuesday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> ~ The Cinque Terre**

Following breakfast and hotel check out, our motorcoach takes us to Manarola where we will stop for a visit. Then we will take a train to Vernazza for a brief stop. Then we will take the train to Monterosso, stop for a visit and have lunch with wine. In the afternoon we will take the train to Genova. Once in Genova we will meet our motorcoach for a transfer to Hotel Nazionale in San Remo. (Breakfast, Lunch and dinner)

**Your accommodations from 9/25 to 9/29:**

**Hotel Nazionale**

**Via Giacomo Matteotti, 3**

**18028 San Remo, Italy**

**39 0184 577577**

**Amenities include: Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, a/c**

**Tourist / City Tax per person per day approx. 3.00 Euros payable directly to hotel**

**Day 7: Wednesday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Rapallo - Portofino**

After Breakfast we are off to Portofino, a seaside resort of international renown, situated on a small gulf of unique beauty. Then it's on to Rapallo, another beautiful coastal town that was a favorite of poet Ezra Pound and Philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. Return to our hotel in San Remo for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 8: Thursday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Monte Carlo and Monaco**

After breakfast, we will head off on an excursion to Monte Carlo, including a panoramic tour of the city and a visit to the Exotic Gardens in Monaco. Delighting all of the senses, the spectacular gardens of Monaco offer everything from lush, flowering rose bushes and exotic cacti to serene Japanese landscapes. Unique plants of native and foreign origin dot the Principality - from the Casino terraces to the median strips along the esplanades in a panorama of carefully tended and stunning displays. We will return to the hotel to freshen up before dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 9: Friday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> ~ San Remo**

Breakfast at our hotel. Day at leisure to explore, on your own, one of the most beautiful and popular resorts on the Italian Riviera. San Remo is particularly noted for its extensive sport facilities, including a racetrack, numerous tennis facilities, sunny beaches and a fine golf course. Optional tours are available (at an additional expense) Overnight. (Breakfast)

**Day 10: Saturday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Nice - Boston**

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we will be transferred to Nice Airport where we will board our return flight to US (via Rome)! (Breakfast)

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